Ocean Shores, Washington, a 6-mile-long peninsula bordered by the Pacific Ocean and Grays Harbor, is a small town located right on the coast of the Pacific Ocean in Washington State. It is Washington State's number one destination for beach enthusiasts, as it features easy access to over six miles of sandy beaches and there are many fun activities for people of all ages that can be done at Ocean Shores. Ocean Shores sits on a peninsula off the Washington coast and welcomes more than 3 million visitors annually. Its climate is mild; never too hot or cold. Summers stay pleasantly just under 80 degrees. Features of this area include two lakes, 23 miles of canals and a rain forest in the center of the city. Residents and visitors to Ocean Shores will find plenty to do besides go to the beach. Among other options, they can enjoy miniature golf, horseback riding, boating and hiking. Here is a list of the top ten things to do at Ocean Shores. The city offers golf, birdwatching and a host of curious antique shops. With more than 17 annual shows and festivals, there is always something to do in this small town.

- 1) Riding the waves: The waves at Ocean Shores are magnificent for Boogie board surfing and easy to ride with a decent board. In August the water temperature is pretty decent, warm enough to go out in just a bathing suit, but since you never really know what the weather will be like there it's advisable to wear a wetsuit. There is as surf shop in town where you can buy or rent surf boards, boogie boards, beach skimmers, and wetsuits. The rental fees are pretty cheap if you rent by the day. Boogie board surfing is awesome at Ocean Shores. One thing to be careful of when surfing is the rip tides which can pull you out into the ocean if you get caught in one and don't know how to get out of. The tip is to swim PARALLEL until you get out of the riptide.
- 2) Playing/relaxing on the beach: Let's face it, most people go the Ocean for the beach! Ocean Shores has over six miles of sandy beaches, which are HUGE especially at low tides. Bring yourself a beach chair and some sand buckets and you and your family can spend the whole day walking the beach, looking for sand dollars and shells, making sand castles, playing in the surf (at least in the summer when the water temperature is decent), flying kites, or just plain sitting in your beach chair reading a book and relaxing with the sights, smells and sounds of the ocean surf. The beach is so huge at Ocean Shores that you never feel crowded, even in the summer time when tourist activity picks up. You don't really need to bring too many beach supplies with you either, as there are many shops in town that sell sand pails, kites, etc. etc.
- 3) **Hot tubs/swimming pools**: There are many motels at Ocean Shores but the Sands Resort has private hot tubs and two swimming pools: an indoor pool and an outdoor pool. After boogie board surfing there's nothing like soaking in the hot tub. Also, you never know what the weather will be like in Ocean Shores (one time a few years back it was foggy and rainy for the entire week I was there in August!) so it's good to have some indoor water activities when it's cold and rainy outside.
- 4) **Moped riding on the beach:** It's a total blast bombing down the beach on a moped, and there are several places in Ocean Shores where you can rent mopeds by the hour. The rental shops also rent out all sorts of other pedal-operated vehicles: 3-wheelers, bicycles, and 4-wheeled gizmos that up to four people can ride which don't operate too well on the sandy beach but are much fun pedaling around town. Located throughout downtown Ocean Shores are vendors who rent novelty bikes, surreys, carts and mopeds. These rentals are nearly as popular as horseback riding on the beach. They are rented in 30 minute increments. Moped rentals do require a driver's license to rent and drive, and they must obey the laws of the road. **Check out** Affordable Mopeds (located at 896 Ocean Shores Blvd., Ocean Shores, WA 98569)
- 5) **Biking:** Ocean Shores offers excellent biking with very little elevation change (Ocean Shores is virtually flat), and with numerous bike trails. With 120 miles of picturesque roadways, this is the perfect place to bring your bikes for a relaxing sojourn. There are marked bike routes, and some of the best and most scenic are on the bay side of Ocean Shores. Cycle your way from one side of the peninsula to the other, stopping to appreciate the sites normally missed in a car. Most of the major roads have marked bike lanes for your safety. With more roads than many large cities, you'll want to bring along a map just in case you lose your way
- 6) Horseback riding on the beach: Horseback riding is available on the beach where you ride slowly down the beach as a group. Horseback Riding is available on the beach as well as trail rides. A very popular activity for non-riders as well as the pros. Available year round, but call to make sure. Chenois Creek Horse Rentals (360) 533-5591. Honey Pearl Ranch offers horseback riding for children and adults. You can ride on the ranch year-round, on the beach from February to September or choose pony rides for children under age 7. To ride the horses, the weight limit is 240 pounds, only one person is allowed on a horse at a time, and horseback rides on the beach must be at a walking pace. No running or cantering on the beach is allowed. Honey Pearl Ranch 32 Humptulips Valley Road Ocean Shores, WA 98569 360-580-1150 honeypearl.com.
- 7) **Kite flying on the beach:** One of the most popular and fun activities to do on the beach in Ocean Shores is flying kites. There is a great shop with a huge variety of kites, windsocks, beach toys and much much more. Kite flying at Ocean Shores is terrific. A prevailing breeze off the Pacific almost guarantees kite flying weather every day of the year. And there are plenty of places in Ocean Shores to purchase everything from a basic kite to multi-layered and fighting kites. Enjoy the Ocean Shores International Kite Challenge, one of Washington's largest kite festivals featuring stunt kite competitions, displays, fun fly's, free kite flying lessons, merchants, beach vendors and more. June 2nd, 3rd and 4th
- 8) Ocean Shores Interpretive Center and Museum. Ocean Shores Interpretive Center, a non-profit organization, is free to visit. The center provides information, hands-on exploration, exhibits with animals and a movie. Features include a new habitat room, expanded outdoor exhibits, a children's area, geology exhibits, an eagle's nest and a history of the SS Catala. This small museum, interpretive center and tourist information center is quite good for a city of this size, and has quite a lot of local information, both for the city and for the surrounding area. Included in the collection here are various animal and bird specimens, including pieces of whale skeleton, and some other impressive finds. If you find yourself tiring of the rain as you drive up or down the Olympic National Park loop, you may want to stop in here for a little bit of local information. It does take some time to get all the way out to the end of the peninsula where the interpretive center is located, but it may be worth a trip if you want to find out a bit more about the region. During the winter months (October 1 to March 31), the center is open Saturday and Sunday only, while during the summer months April 1 to September 31) it is open daily. From April 1 to Sept. 30

- the center is open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. From Oct. 1 to March 31, hours of operation are Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ocean Shores Interpretive Center 1033 Catala Ave. SE Ocean Shores, WA 98569 360-289-4617 oceanshoresinterpretivecenter.com
- 9) **Shopping:** Lots and lots of tourist gift shops abound in the town of Ocean Shores, and you guessed it: most of them sell beach related items! Check out the two-dollar store where you can buy puka shell necklaces, sun glasses, sand pails and kites which typically cost much more in all the other shops. Lots of pirate-related gear for sale here, for you pirate types, GAAAWWRR! There's also one large grocery store in town and several smaller convenience stores, so you really don't need to bring any food or snacks along with you on your trip, it's all here, everything you need!
- 10) **Fusions Gallery.** (located at 834 Point Brown Ave N.E., Ocean Shores, WA 98569) Beautiful pottery, unique jewelry, metal sculpture, and kitschy yard art all under the same roof. The owner is knowledgeable and pleasant. This shop for gifts and souvenirs if you like to support local artists at a good price.
- 11) **Creative Light Gallery.** (located at 849 Point Brown Avenue NW, Ocean Shores, WA 98569) The photographic images in this gallery are spectacular. Scenes from nature and the animals that live in those environments are so artfully captured in the photographs hung in this gallery.
- 12) **Antiquing:** Ocean Shores has plenty of antique stores in the area, for the veteran shopper there should be no problem picking up a treasure or two. For the real connoisseur make sure you attend the Antique and Collectable's Show sponsored by ACT the 2nd weekend in February of every year. There are over 50 booths of vintage antiques and collectable's and appraisers are on hand.
- 13) **Restaurants:** As far as restaurants are concerned, Ocean Shores has it all covered: two pizza joints, two sea food joints, a diner, a Mexican restaurant, a Chinese Restaurant, a couple taco shops, burger joints, malt shops, and if you want to eat fancy you can go to the hotel restaurant at the Shilo Inn. There's also a Subway and your McDonalds in case you crave a Big Mac. Check out the Mr. Bees diner where they serve AWESOME milk shakes. Listing per Trip Advisor: Viet Hoa Restaurant (806 Ocean Shores Blvd NW); Our Place Restaurant (676 Ocean Shores Blvd NW); Ocean Beach Roasters (841 PT Brown Avenue NW); Red Genie Pizza (766 Ocean Shores Blvd NW); Mike's Seafood (830 Point Brown Ave); Porthole Pub Bar & Grill (893 Point Brown NW); La Chica Taqueria (185 W Chance A La Mer NW,); Galway Bay (880 Point Brown Ave NE); Bennett's Fish Shack (131 E Chance A La Mer); Lucky Dragon (860 Pt. Brown Ave. NE); Alec's By the Sea (131 E Chance A La Mer NE); Los IV Hermanos Mexican Restaurant (824 Point Brown Ave. NE); Dugan's Pizza (Ocean Shores Blvd); Emily's (78 State Route 115); Shilo Restaurant (707 Ocean Shores Blvd NW, in the Shilo Inn); Sandcastle Drive-In (788 Point Brown Avenue NE); Buddy & Howies Old Fashioned Sweet Shoppe (739 Point Browne Ave NW); Homeport Restaurant & Lounge (857 Point Brown Avenue); Subway (698 Ocean Shores Blvd); North Shore Grill (845 Ocean Shores Blvd NW); Mariah's (615 Ocean Shores Boulevard); Pirate's Cove Pub (798 Ocean Shores Blvd); The Shrimp Boat Deli (343 Marine Drive S); Las Maracas Mexican Restaurant (729 Point Brown - **OK-not great, but pricey**); Waves Restaurant in the Best Western (491 Damon Road NW); The Lighthouse (850 Point Brown Ave NE); Ocean Shores Bakery (172 W. Chance Ala Mer NW, in the Shores Mall); Buffet at Quinault Beach Resort & Casino (78 Street Route 115); The Collins Inn (318 Marina Court Southeast); La Pausa (825 Point Brown Ave); Sidewalk Bistro & Deli Quinault Beach Resort & Casino (78 Street Route 115); McDonald's (701 Point Brown Ave NW); Shore Shack (698 Ocean Shores Blvd); Others: Oceano Restaurant (845 Ocean Shores Blvd N); Snugglers Cove Resort (343 Marine View Dr SW); Pasta De Vine(821 Point Brown Ave NW);
- 14) **Bumper Boats & Go-Kart's:** This is a great way for the entire family to have fun and get wet. Check it out at Pacific Paradise Game World or by the slick track on Point Brown Ave. in the downtown area. It's great entertainment on a warm day. **Check out** Pacific Paradise Family Fun Center (located at 767 Minard Ave NW, Ocean Shores, WA 98569)
- 15) **Arcades:** Ocean Shores has several video arcade joints in town which are always fun to visit. Most of the video games here are pretty old, from the eighties it seems, but still fun to play. The arcades here also feature motorized go cart tracks, putt-putt golfing, and water-buggy rides. Fun for the entire family!
- 16) **Bowling:** Ocean Shores Bowl is located across from the Convention Center on Chance ala Mer. The bowling alley is never crowded and also has pool tables and video games. The 12 lane bowling alley hosts leagues during the fall and winter and Rock and Bowl on Friday and Saturday nights. In the bar, enjoy a game of billiards while patrons try their talents at Karaoke, there's something for everyone. Rent some shoes and bowl a frame or two!
- 17) **Movie theatre:** The movie theatre is a smaller multi-plex style theatre which shows first-run movies.
- 18) Casino/gambling: For those of you who like to gamble, there is the Quinalt Casino and resort located a few miles outside of town that features over 500 slot games plus your basic black jack, roulette and craps games. They've also got live bands on weekend nights for dancing. They have free coffee and soda. They have meal specials as well. The Quinalt also is a nice hotel, with hot tubs in each room.
- 19) **Bird Watching:** Ocean Shores is one of the premier bird watching sites in the Northwest. This is a fantastic place for bird watching and the Audubon Society has written books about the birds in this area. Damon Point State Park (also known as Protection Island) is very popular and is one of the only known nesting sites for the Snowy Plover. There are over 300 different species of birds including brown pelicans, peregrine falcons, herons, quail and pheasant. From waterfowl to migratory birds, predators to prey, you'll marvel at the action and diversity.
- 20) State Parks:

Damon Point State Park is certainly not your typical state park. It is a beach only, with no real facilities of any sort. While the public is allowed on the wet sand area of the beach, a considerable portion of Damon Point is set aside as nesting habitat for the snowy plover. Huge developments along the coast of Oregon and Washington have eliminated a considerable portion of the sand dunes that are critical nesting habitat for these birds, and thus the need for conservation of this area - which is one of the few on this peninsula that still has reasonably intact sand dunes for nesting of the birds. However, it is a state park rather than a wildlife conservation area, and as such there is a lot of human traffic along the

beach, including a lot of dog walking, kite flying, and various other activities. Therefore, I am not convinced that bird watchers are that likely to see any snowy plovers here, even though it is regarded as a "known nesting area" for the snowy plover. Other than the grass and gravel area along the road, there isn't any parking here. The nearest restrooms are at the campground operated by the Quinault Indian Tribe. However, those are not public restrooms, and are not for use by those other than marina and campground users. The park is day use only, and open 8 to 5 all year. **DANGER: This state park consists of a sand peninsula heading into Gray's Harbor. It is important to note that during the highest of high tides, much of the peninsula gets cut off from the mainland. Please take a tide table and know when it is time to head back to shore!**

Ocean City State Park. For those of you who like to camp, there is Ocean City State Park located just a few miles from Ocean Shores, on the coast one-and-a-half miles north on Highway 115, Ocean Shores, WA. This is a 170 acre state park with decent enough camping grounds and easy access to the Ocean beaches.

21) City Parks: Ocean Shores has 3 parks open to the public. They are all located in the northern section of town, on or near Duck Lake.

Chinook Park is on the Lake and has a boat launch and fishing pier for freshwater fishing. On Duck Lake Dr., two and a half miles south of the airport. This park is 3.2 acres with a boat launch, ADA accessible fishing dock, large multi-purpose playfield with soccer goals and bleachers, picnic tables, playground equipment, water fountain, portable restrooms, and public parking. Residents and visitors alike use Chinook Park for the conveniences it offers. This 3.2 acre park is located about mid point on the east side of Duck Lake. It is the perfect place to launch your boat if you want to ski or thrill the kids on the inflatable doughnut. A recently constructed, ADA fishing dock beckons the young and old to cast one's line and see if the fish are nibbling. Duck Lake's three little islands are just west of Chinook Park, and if you are lucky, you might see a deer swimming to one of them. Swings, a slide, and climbing equipment will keep the young children smiling, while an open field nearby is available for soccer, kickball, or flying a kite. Picnic benches, a water fountain, and portable bathrooms make this an ideal park to bring the family for a fun-filled time to play, to fish, or to launch your boat. A well maintained, gravel parking lot accommodates both boat launch vehicles, as well as park goers. Just two miles south of the airport, on Duck Lake Drive, it is easy to get to, quiet, and tranquil.

North Bay Park is the largest of the parks and is also on the lake. Situated on the north end of Duck Lake, only a short distance from the downtown business district, and just west of the airport. North Bay Park beckons all to enjoy its many amenities. Fir trees shade the south end, where you may enjoy a bar-be-qued meal by using either the bar-be-que stands, or the firplace located under the picnic shelter. It has a public boat launch and fishing pier, but there is also a tennis court, a baseball field and large playground for the kids. North Bay also has a picnic shelter and restrooms which makes it a wonderful place for family functions and reunions. Enjoy a game of tennis, shoot baskets on the sunny court, or play a game of baseball or soccer with friends or family. Children will be drawn to the swings and play equipment close by, surrounded by grass and native plants and trees. On the west side of the park is a large parking lot where the boat launch and fishing dock are located. Duck Lake and the connecting labyrinth of canals are the perfect place for year-round bass, crappie and trout fishing. The park has an ADA men's and women's restrooms which are kept open until sunset. A port-apotty is available by the boat launch 24 hours a day during the summer months. This is the perfect park for family picnics, sports tournaments, and even weddings. To reserve the park for such occasions, contact the city at (360) 289-2754 to reserve the day and time for your event

Emerson Park is the smallest and the closest to the downtown area. It has a tennis court and play area. On Bass Ave, NE. On west side of Duck Lake. From Albatross turn south. 1.5 acre neighborhood park with tennis court, volleyball and tetherball courts, picnic tables, benches and portable restroom. Emerson Park is Ocean Shores best kept secret. Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of tourist activity, this is a little gem beloved by tennis afficionados. Located on Bass Ave., on the northwest side of Duck Lake, just off Albatross, this is a lovely little park in the midst of a peaceful residential area. Only 1.5 acres, the tennis court and benches, volleyball and tetherball courts take up the west side of the park, while the remaining east section is a tranquil green of cool grass and fir trees. Come, enjoy a picnic on the green, or rev up your energy and get a game of volleyball or tennis going with family or friends. Win or lose, you are sure to have a wonderful time at Emerson Park. A portable bathroom is available for your convenience. Parking is available on the south side of the park.

Milo Schneider (Lions) Park. On Ocean Shores Blvd., across from The Sands Motel. 1.0 acre park provides playground equipment, picnic tables, portable restroom, and Lions Club meeting hall. Young families visiting Ocean Shores will be surprised when driving down Ocean Shores Blvd. On the northeast side of the boulevard is a park with swings and play equipment, which offers young tourists a break from the many beach activities. This is also the location for the Ocean Shores Lions Club meeting hall situated on the east-side of the property. Come, enjoy a bit of serendipity near the sea. Let the cool breeze rush through your hair as you take a flight on the swings, or climb a mountain on the jungle gym. A portable restroom, and parking area is available for your convenience.

On Albatross and Chance a la Mer Avenue, by the airport. This park is 7.1 acres with a boat launch, fishing dock, baseball diamond with backstop/soccer field with goals, bleachers, tennis court with benches and practice backboard, basketball goals, playground equipment, picnic shelter with fireplace and picnic tables, ADA restroom facility, and public parking for launch ramp and park.

Skateboard park. The newest addition to the City Park System in the heart of downtown Ocean Shores.

22) Community Club Parks: Members have access to the Club's five developed properties including the Bayshore Clubhouse, Bill Ellis Park, Cabana Park, Damon Park and Pacific Park

Bayshore Clubhouse. Enjoy views of the bay. Indoor pool, fitness Center, computer room, game room, arcade, cafe (hot spot), basketball court, TV and meeting room, outdoor play area, hot tub & sauna.

Swim during summer at 2 outdoor pools.

Pacific Park. Play tennis at Pacific Park.

Bill Ellis Park. This Club property provides a scenic view of Duck Lake, including fishing and kayaking docks, a covered picnic area and restroom facilities good for hosting family gatherings.

Cabana Park. This facility, also known as "**Lakeside park**", includes an outdoor heated swimming pool, changing rooms with lockers, showers and restrooms, and sheltered picnic tables poolside. Located on the property is scenic Perkins Pond with surrounding nature trail, park benches and picnic tables.

Damon Park. This facility includes a covered picnic area with pit for grilling, picnic tables and restroom facilities. The park includes pickleball courts, basketball court and playground.

Pacific Park. This facility includes an outdoor heated swimming pool, changing rooms with showers and restrooms. The property also has a tennis court and basketball court.

23) Wildlife Refuge/Forest:

Weatherwax Forest is the last remaining native-style forest on the Ocean Park peninsula. As the peninsula was logged in the early 1900s, there are no real old growth trees here, or anywhere else on the peninsula. However, what is here is preserved second growth, with a huge effort put in to maintaining native plants and undergrowth so that while the trees may not be old, the type of forest is typical of the ecosystem that would have been found here as a native ecosystem. The eastern edge of the park land borders the body of water known as "Duck Lake", which is part of the artificial canal system dug into the peninsula when it started being developed as a resort community in the 1960s. There was a bench next to one of the trails, but otherwise there did not seem to be any other such facilities anywhere in the park. It appeared to be a memorial bench, based on the engraved plaque on the bench, and possibly as time goes on more such benches will be added to the forest. The forest area is only 121 acres (49 hectares), so the property really isn't extremely extensive. However, it is unique in its preservation of a native part of the peninsula's ecosystem. There are several trails through the park, the main section of which is along a power line corridor. Other trails are narrow dirt pathways through the dense forest. There are no restroom facilities in this park

Oyhut Wildlife Area. A magnet drawing birders from all over is the Oyhut Wildlife Area. 682 acres of wetlands and tidal flats home to blue herons, brown pelicans, pheasants, snowy plovers, and the list goes on and on

- 24) Ocean Shores North Jetty. Walk the 100 yards to see the jetty, birds and the absolutely outstanding beach. This is the best area of beach in the Ocean Shores area. Jetty is fun and really enjoy the pelicans. When the tide is low there is lots of beach to walk to gather shells. Sometimes seals will leave their pups here while they hunt. It is illegal to touch the seal pups. A lovely place to watch the sunset. Less traffic than the main Ocean Shores beachfront. The view is spectacular. The North Jetty is a great place to find a comfortable rock and watch the sea. Relaxing, calming and ever changing is our beautiful Pacific Ocean. Spend the day with a pick nick lunch if it is sunny, wear a heavy duty rain coat and boots if it's windy and rainy. Be sure to bring binoculars because you may see seal and other sea live.
- 25) **Boat Ramps and Rentals:** Ocean Shores has 25 miles of freshwater lakes and canals. Duck Lake is the largest segment, and it adjoins the Grand Canal at the south end. Versatility is what makes Ocean Shores a prime destination for boating fanatics. If you are looking for a ramp to launch your boat into the ocean the marina has a launch located on the west side. For access into the canals and lakes, the easiest launch ramps are North Bay Park off of Albatross on Duck Lake Drive or Chinook Park on Duck Lake. A power boat launch and dock is available at North Bay Park. Hand launching for kyaks and canoes is available at parks throughout the city. Please respect the speed limit and the property rights of lake front homeowners. New is the Runabout Rentals on Point Brown by the Police Station they offer pedal boats by the hour for cruising the canal.
- 26) **Drive on the beach.** There is a designated state highway along the beach in Ocean Shores. Parts of it are closed off when conditions are not ideal. There's nothing like driving on the beach (until you get stuck!).
- 27) **Boat tours.** Check out the Ocean Shores Electric Boat Company (located at 952 Point Brown Ave SE, Ocean Shores). Ocean Shores Electric Boat Co. rents all-weather, 21-foot electric Duffy Cruisers. The boats hold up to 10 people. They're stable and easy to maneuver on Ocean Shores' 23 miles of interconnected waterways. Livingstons, canoes and paddle boats are also available to rent. Each electric boat is powered by marine batteries that last up to 10 hours. The company says boating experience is not necessary--the boats operate as easily as driving a golf cart. Renters receive instruction as well as a map and assistance with docking the boat when it's returned. Ocean Shores Electric Boat Co. 952 Point Brown Ave. SE Ocean Shores, WA 98569 360-289-0487 oselectricboat.com Take your picnic aboard one of these charming boats and tour the inland waterways and lakes in Ocean Shores. You can skipper these efficient boats or hire a captain. Do the former, since the boats are easy to drive and the waterways are well-charted. The boats are comfy, clean, quiet, and eco-friendly. Water and washrooms are available at the office before you cast off. There is plenty of room aboard for all your picnic things, and a long table-ish thing runs down the middle for setting up the snacks. If you prorate the cost, it's a very good deal for a unique experience. We usually rent for 2 hours and have a blast. Do this!
- 28) **Golf.** Ocean Shores Golf Course is 6,252 yards long and is a par 71. We boast the only golf course on the Washington coast! The municipal course is a public, 18-hole PGA rated championship course, with a driving range for irons only. 360-289-3357 It has been rated by "Golf Digest" as one of the best places to play. The front nine resembles an executive course, with three par 5's, three par 4's and three par 3's. From holes 10 to 18, the course changes to links-style golf with beach grass and water along the fairways. Throughout the course, the greens are elevated and have drainage systems to avoid standing water. Amenities include a pro shop, clubhouse, snack bar, equipment rentals and lessons taught by PGA professional Ronnie Espedal. Ocean Shores Golf Course also offers a practice range with mats and grass tee areas. Ocean Shores Golf Course 500 Canal Drive NE Ocean Shores, WA 98569 360-289-3357 oceanshoresgolf.com
- 29) **Tennis.** Courts located at West Court Loop and North Bay park.

30) Fishing. Your choice at Ocean Shores, enjoy surf fishing near the North Jetty and at Damon Point or freshwater fishing on the

Lakes and 23 miles of canals. Licenses and equipment are available at the Ace Hardware store.